Law Enforcement Patrol

Mission

To create a safe environment for Indiana citizens by enforcing state and federal laws.

Summary of Activities

Law enforcement patrol activities implemented by the **Indiana State Police** include many facets of operation, including the enforcement of traffic laws, commercial vehicle enforcement and training.

In 1999, 653 state troopers were deployed. They patrolled a total of 39,926,200 miles, with the following results:

- ♦ DUI Arrests -- 5,213
- ♦ Written warnings 321,928
- ♦ Truck arrests 78,545
- ♦ Criminal arrests 23,974
- ♦ Felony arrests 8,787

The State Police also utilize aircraft in patrol activities. In 1999, pilots flew 3,591 flight hours in support of traffic enforcement, fugitive search, victim search and rescue, criminal surveillance, aerial photography, and disaster assistance. These activities contributed to 4,641 traffic contacts.



The **Department of Natural Resources** (DNR) Conservation Officers enforce natural resource laws and rules through fish and wildlife law enforcement patrols, boating law enforcement patrols, patrols of DNR property for criminal, traffic and natural resource law violations.

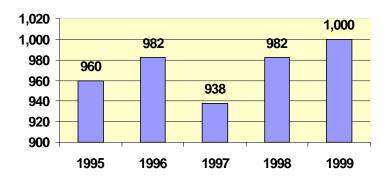
External Factors

External factors that influence law enforcement patrol activities include vehicle miles traveled, safety belt compliance, impaired driving, and weather conditions. Increased use of DNR recreational opportunities increases the need for expanded law enforcement patrols. Higher use requires an evident law enforcement presence necessary to reduce recreational accidents and curb more traditional criminal activity.

Evaluation and Accomplishments

A total of 654,341 traffic related staff-hours were worked by the State Police in 1999. Traffic fatalities increased slightly while vehicle miles traveled also increased. Traffic arrests, moving arrests, truck arrests, trucks measured and police services all increased from the previous year. Officers working on federally funded grant projects produced 20,131 traffic arrests and 527 driving-under-the-influence arrests. A total of 4,159 citations were written for seat belt violations and 113 for child restraint violations. Department aircraft provided assistance in controlling the flow of vehicles and pedestrians into and out of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the Indianapolis 500 and the Brickyard 400, and

Traffic Fatalities



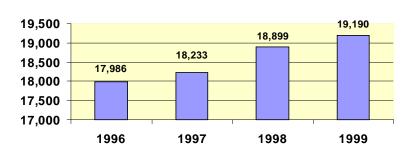
for state university football games. The Aviation Section worked 187 traffic deaths.

Plans for the Biennium

The State Police have identified these patrolrelated goals for the next biennium:

- ♦ To continue with the procurement of a new voice/data communication system.
- ♦ To decrease the total number of miles driven over the life of a patrol car.
- To continue the enhancement and utilization of information technology department-wide.

Vehicle Miles Traveled (in millions)



Special Initiatives

The State Police propose to lead the implementation of Project Hoosier SAFE-T, an integrated, statewide, wireless voice and data communications system for public safety officers. Wireless public safety communications in Indiana currently



use a variety of different and often incompatible platforms. As a result, law enforcement officers at the state, county, and municipal levels are unable to communicate with each other when they respond to public safety emergencies.

Project Hoosier SAFE-T will utilize a network of communications towers placed across the state to provide direct, statewide communications among state, county, and local public safety workers to facilitate multi-agency emergency response. The Hoosier SAFE-T system will be available to all state agencies and any county or locality electing to join, enabling them to communicate with each other in the event of a crisis or disaster. The system will also allow communities statewide to take advantage of the latest data communications technology.

